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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Approved March 19, 2018

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on January 22, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Ronald Castaldo, PhD, CRNA; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Mary Diamond, DO; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C; Manisha Wadhwa, MD;

ABSENT: Leena Paul, MD; Sandy Elliott, CNM;

GUESTS: No Public Present

PRESIDING: Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

STAFF: David Mangler, Director, Division of Professional Regulation
Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice

1.0 Call to Order: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Castaldo made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cunningham to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Unfinished Business

3.1. Re-review of Applications for Independent Practice

3.1.1 Sartell, Barbara – AGNP

The committee re-reviewed Ms. Sartell's application for independent practice. Ms. Sartell submitted additional documentation following the Committee's November meeting clarifying her national certification and the population and foci she had been working with. Dr. Castaldo made a motion,

seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice based upon the additional documentation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

3.2 Review of Recertification Standards

The committee discussed the practical and didactic requirements for continued licensure. Requirements of both the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and Texas Board of Nursing were reviewed. Both require 400 hours of clinical practice.

The committee questioned the current requirement of 600 hours and clarified the 600 hours pertains to when the APRN has been out of practice for a period of time and there is not a refresher course available/completed. The committee will research the existence of any specialty organizations' requirements/guidelines.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Applications were reviewed for independent practice as advanced practice registered nurses for:

4.1.1 Lauren Schiffner, APRN, AGNP

Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.2 Lisa Toy, PMHCNS

Dr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.3 Michelle Drew, CNM

Dr. Wadhwa moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.4 Ngozi Chiekwu, APRN, PMHNP

Dr. Wadhwa moved, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to grant independent practice upon license issuance; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.5 Suzanna Parra, CRNA

Dr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.2 APRN Distance Education Program Review

4.2.1 Requirements for Licensed Clinical Faculty/Preceptors

The Board requested that the committee discuss the issue of faculty involved in on-line educational programs that do not come into Delaware as part of a student's education. The Committee discussed and agreed that these faculty are not required to obtain a license in compliance with Delaware rules and regulations. Faculty are required to obtain a license if they are participating in the clinical component of the program that is to be completed in Delaware. The committee agreed to review model NCSBN language regarding this matter for a future meeting.

5.0 Other Business (for discussion)

There was discussion regarding APRNs prescribing within their scope of practice not needing an active provider/patient relationship.

Dr. Williams suggested the committee consider electing a new chair at the next meeting.

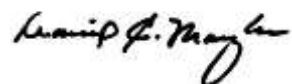
6.0. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0. Next Meeting Date – March 19, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

8.0. Adjournment – 5:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Mangler".

David C. Mangler, RN, MS
Director
Division of Professional Regulation